

Water (sides)

Edited for the purpose of the audition

INT. JASON'S HOME - LIVING ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

JASON is sitting on the accent chair studying MEGHA who is distracted and mentally somewhere else.

After a few seconds of this, Jason decides..

JASON

Where did you go?

The question snaps Megha back to reality. She appears embarrassed by the drift.

MEGHA

I'm sorry...something popped in my head.

Jason's curiosity covers his face.

JASON

A penny for your thoughts.

Megha really doesn't want to open that can of worms.

MEGHA

(dismissive)

Oh it was nothing really.

JASON

It must be *something* for you to drift off like that in the middle of our first date.

MEGHA

Again I apologize...*its just life*. I've had a hard time lately.

Jason sits the tea down and leans forward for effect.

JASON

I've often been accused of being a good listener.

Megha hears what Jason is saying but she is still not sure she wants to reveal her situation.

Then...

MEGHA

Before coming here to be with you...I had nothing positive in my life. When I first sent you the message on instagram a month ago, I was surprised that you responded.

JASON

I'm sure any man would have responded.
You're a beautiful girl.

MEGHA

Thank you..but good looks haven't gotten me anywhere in life.(a beat) My parents died when I was young. Freak car accident... Its been a struggle getting to this age by myself.

JASON

(visible concern)

I am sorry to hear that. *Any brothers and sisters?*

MEGHA

I have no siblings. One aunt who is in a senior care home. I used to visit her often however it was a year ago that she stopped remembering who I was. *I am navigating through this life alone.....*It's Not really a fun place to be if I'm being honest...

Megha's face goes dark...

MEGHA (CONT'D)

I sometimes ask myself why..why am I even...

Megha dramatically JUMPS up and moves to the main window where her breathing becomes elevated. Jason looks on unsure of what to do or say.

Megha struggles to catch her breath....

JASON

Can I get you some water?

Almost like a spirit possessed and at the top of her lungs, Megha yells...

MEGHA

NO!!!!